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Al Capone Does My Shirts
Chapters 35-40

Directions: As you read *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, complete this reading guide. Do your best!

BEFORE YOU READ: Make a prediction.

How do you think this book will end??

WHILE YOU READ: Annotate! Underline what you think is interesting, make stars if something stands out, circle words you don't know.

AFTER YOU READ: Short Answer Questions

Answer the questions in complete sentences. Use quotes to support your answers if needed.

1. Do you think Moose is right to tell his mother she cannot lie about Natalie's age at the interview?

Did he choose the best time to talk with his parents about the issue?

Do you agree with Moose or his mother? Explain.

2. Why does the tense conversation about Natalie's age bring Mr. Flanagan to tears?

Why is he so proud of his children?

3. How is Mrs. Flanagan's talk with Moose significant?

How does Moose come to understand his mother better?

4. Why does Moose call Carrie Kelly?

Why does he talk to the warden?

5. If this were a true story, do you think Al Capone could and/or would help Natalie get into a school? Explain.

6. Why do you think Piper helps Moose?

7. Do you believe that Mr. Purdy had always planned to open another division of his school especially for older students?

Do you think the warden knows about Moose's letter to Al Capone?

8. Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Explain in as much detail as possible!

